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Every 15 minutes at meal times to the club, dining facility, Hangar Avenue, supply, and bowling center.

Maj. Clark takes command of 42nd APS



Maj. Thomas Clark takes command of the 42nd APS from Lt. Col. James Carey as he salutes Col. Dana Marsh, 439th Mission Support Group commander, during the change of command ceremony held on the flight line on May 30. Carey will retire in June after 28 years of service in the Air Force Reserve.
 --photo by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

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Maj. Thomas Clark took command of the 42nd APS during a change of command ceremony held on the flight line May 30.

Lt. Col. James Carey, a 28-year Air Force Reserve veteran, relinquished command to Col. Dana Marsh, 439th Mission Support Group commander with a final and sharp salute.

Carey also delivered a heartfelt farewell speech to his "red hats" squadron that stood in formation in front of him. Emotion choked his voice as he bid goodbye with words that left few dry eyes in the audience.

"Together we have built a team and a family that at this point in time I would match up against any other aerial port - active duty, Guard or Reserve, and we all know who would come out on top," Carey said.

"As I look back over the last seven years, I can truly say I have never worked with a finer group of individuals that have lived up to their squadron motto of "Pride

and Professionalism" as have the members of the 42nd."

Carey led the 42nd to unprecedented honors earlier this year. Air Mobility Command officials chose the squadron as AMC's best reserve component aerial port for 2002.

Clark's selection as commander followed a stint as officer in charge of the squadron's air terminal operations center. By the end of May, Westover's aerial porters had processed more than 6,340 passengers and more than 23,685,000 pounds of cargo since Feb. 2.

"We thrive on this type of environment," Clark said, adding he is proud of how hard the "red hats" work to make the mission happen. "They love to come out and perform," Clark said.

Carey packed up his Hangar 3 office at his own pace into the late afternoon on Friday, May 30.

"I wanted to wait until the last minute," he said with a smile, as he took a break from loading up some boxes. "It's indicative of the fact that it's over."

Kurds gave Army a heroes' welcome

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

A heroes' welcome at the Westover Passenger Terminal was the second time around for Special Forces troops who said they had been treated as heroes by the Kurdish people of northern Iraq.

Sixty-three support members of the 10th Special Forces Group recently stopped here on their way home to Fort Carson, Col. They had helped the Kurdish forces drive Iraqi forces out of northern Iraq.

The support members had set up a base camp at a former Iraqi air base at Irbil, in the Kurdish area of northern Iraq. Special Forces and the Kurds went on to liberate the cities of Kirkuk and Mosul.

"After Kirkuk fell they put a big banner across the road saying 'U.S. Army Welcome to Kirkuk Our Liberators'. That set the tone. They were very gracious and glad to see us," said Capt. Scott Venema, a 10th Special Forces member from Gloucester.

"There was a statue of Saddam that had already been torn down when I saw it. A week later they rebuilt a state of him made of boots, the symbol of a supreme insult," he said.

In Irbil they went wild when they pulled down the statue of Saddam in Baghdad. They were shooting guns off. I saw a vehicle with an American flag. They were waving it and blowing horns," he said.

The Kurds were appreciative of American help. "I talked to a Turkmenistan man in Kirkuk and asked how the water and electricity were and he said better than in 30 years.

Some of the Special Forces members came home with souvenir Iraqi currency – dinar notes – with Saddam's picture. On the first day of liberation you could buy a stack of dinars in the market for \$3. The next day they were \$11. When the Special Forces left the dinars were \$3 each.



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Security guidelines prohibit using last names of deploying reservists.)

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Letter to Westover

The following letter was written to Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, by a squadron commander to express appreciation for the Westover Welcome.

Gen Mazick, I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks. An old friend of mine, Maj Brent French, is stationed at Westover and passed along your contact information.

My team and I rotated through Westover on the 16th of May 2003 back from Kyrgyzstan and en route to Moody AFB, Ga. I had never experienced a reception like the one your senior staff and the volunteers gave us when we landed. The care and effort your base took in receiving us was absolutely spectacular, touched our hearts, and will live in our memories forever.

My unit has deployed to seven different countries in support of OEF and OIF (over 400 days since 9-11 for most of us), and never have we had such a warm and hospitable reception. Thank you sir and please pass on our warmest regards to your staff and the volunteers.

Commander Maj. Craig Allton and the men and women of the 824th Security Forces Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

Six Flags Discount

Six Flags, Agawam, has announced discounts for those in uniform and plans for a free concert to honor the military.

--Single Day Passes for \$22.00

(A savings of \$17.00 per day)

--Season Pass for \$54.99

(A savings of \$12.51 on the Season)

--Midway Meal Deals for \$8.50

The tickets will be available at the Base Fitness Center starting early next week. Call Larry Helmer at Ext. 974 for details.

Six Flags is also planning a Free Lee Greenwood concert in honor of the military in the near future.

Chief Dube delivers gifts from Torrington

Retired CMSgt. Leonard Dube was back at Westover recently, helping a Connecticut citizens' group show their support for the troops.

Dube helped deliver a stack of boxes of toiletries, snacks and other gifts for troops in the Westover Passenger Terminal. The show of support came from a group of Torrington, Conn. citizens who have organized an Operation Hometown Support.

Dube retired from Transportation after serving many years in the 58th APS. He now serves as volunteer Veteran Services Offices for Torrington and also helps coordinate military funeral squads for the area.

Pin honors parents

You can honor parents or parental figures for their support of your military service with a pin recently issued by the Air Force and a letter of thanks from the chief of staff.

The Parent Pin program gives every Air Force member the opportunity to register online and request a letter of thanks signed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, together with a lapel pin displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol. To register online, go to www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com.

Pat Stats

Served since Feb. 2, 2003
6,682 passengers --- 2,283 aircraft
24,617,344 pounds of cargo
Info from MSgt. Jim Garrity, 42APS

Meals
14,024 hot meals served
Box lunches: 4,941
Info from MSgt. David Beauregard, 439SVS

Fuel since Feb.1
15,413,090 gallons of JP-8
Info from Jim Maloney, Fuels

Express-ions

